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1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY REPORT OF POLITICAL  
VIOLENCE AND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED  
TO US BY SECURITY FORCES DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER  
1978.

2. SEPTEMBER 1 - AT APPROXIMATELY 0645 AM A PIECE OF  
TROTYL WAS FOUND CONNECTED TO A GRENADE AT 1198 ARENALES  
STREET, BUENOS AIRES, THE HOME OF DR. BENITEZ (FORMER  
MINISTER OF JUSTICE). EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE PERSONNEL DETONATED  
THE DEVICE IN PLACE. THERE WERE NO VICTIMS OR MATERIAL  
DAMAGES.

- ON THE SAME DATE AT 0615 AM PERSONNEL OF A PRINTING  
SHOP FOUND ON THE STREET NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF  
PRINGLES AND LEZICA STREETS, FIVE PIPES CONTAINING  
TROTYL. THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES DID NOT HAVE A DETONATOR

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AND WERE NOT ASSEMBLED. THE EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE DETERMINED  
THAT THE EXPLOSIVES WERE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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- SEPTEMBER 2 - AT APPROXIMATELY 0500 IN THE MORNING AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE EXPLODED AT 2744 EDUARDO MADREO STREET, MARTINEZ, PRESENT HOME OF DR. PABLO CATALAYED, WHO IS PRESENTLY AN ADVISER TO GENERAL MOTORS. THERE WERE NO VICTIMS WITH ONLY MATERIAL DAMAGES (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TWO EXECUTIVES OF GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION ARGENTINA HAVE HAD EXPLOSIVE DEVICES PLACED AT THEIR HOMES SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GM IS CLOSING DOWN THEIR AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING PLANTS. IN THIS INCIDENT THE CONSELOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS' RESIDENCE, WHICH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 50 YARDS FROM THE EXPLOSION SUFFERED FIVE BROKEN WINDOWS.

- SEPTEMBER 4 - A BOOBY-TRAP BOMB WAS PLACED AT THE DOOR OF COMPANIA AMERICANA DE PROPIEDADES LOCATED AT 1189 RODRIGUEZ PENA STREET. THE BOMB WAS DEACTIVATED BY THE EXPLOSIVE PERSONNEL. THERE WERE NO VICTIMS NOR DAMAGES.

- SEPTEMBER 5 - AT APPROXIMATELY 1030 IN THE MORNING A BOMB EXPLODED NEXT TO THE WALL OF A BAR IBCATED AT 6379 ALVADAE0 STREET BELONGING TO GLADYS BEATRICE ZALAVAR, WIFE OF CORPORAL RENE MARIANO OHAIDE. THE EXPLOSION RESULTED IN BREAKAGE OF ALL WINDOWS WITHIN THE BUILDING. THE BOMB WAS THROWN FROM A LIGHT COLORED CITROEN 3CV.

- SEPTEMBER 6 - AT APPROXIMATELY 2145 AT THE INTER-SECTIONS OF GENERAL PAZ AND CAMPORA A GRANADE (G-40) WAS THROWN BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS STRIKING A LIGHT POST AND CAUSING VERY LITTLE DAMAGE. VERY CLOSE BY IS THE REAR OF A GENERAL MOTORS ENTERPRISE WHICH SECURITY FORCES BELIEVE WAS THE INTENDED TARGET.

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- SEPTEMBER 7 - UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS THREW PAMPHLETS IN LA PLATA AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF 24TH STREET AND DIAGONAL 73. THE PAMPHLETS READ "7/9 KILLED THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE. MONTONERO-PERONISTA MOVEMENT."

- ON THE SAME DATE AT APPROXIMATELY 0030 AT THE INTER-SECTIONS OF CORRIENTES AND RIVADAVIA, MAR DEL PLATA, A BOMB EXPLODED IN A 1972 CHEVY COUPE BELONGING TO SENOR NORBERTO RAMON ISE, AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROVINCIAL POLICE IN BUENOS AIRES. THERE WERE NO VICTIMS.

- SEPTEMBER 8 - A SIGN WAS PLACED IN A BATHROOM OF THE BRANCH OF THE CAJA NACIONAL DE AHORRO Y SEGURO LOCATED AT 2941 RIVADIVIA, MAR DEL PLATA. THE SIGN STATED "TO

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OBTAINOEJUSTICE, JOIN THE MONTONERO RESISTENCE", WITH A MONTONERO EMBLEM. THE MANAGER REPORTED THE EVENT TO THE POLICE AND TO THE CHIEF OF THE MILITARY SUB-ZONE.

- SEPTEMBER 10 - A CAR WAS PLACED ON THE RAILROAD TRACK AT KILOMETER 31, POST 10, PILAR, PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES. THE CAR WAS STRUCK BY CARGO TRAIN 003. THERE WERE DELAYS IN SERVICE AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT.

- THE SAME DATE DURING THE NIGHT UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS FIRED AT A RESIDENCE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF STREETS 520 AND 162 MELCHOR ROMERO, LA PLATA. THERE WERE NO VICTIMS.

- SEPTEMBER 11 - DURING THE AFTERNOON THE HEADQUARTERS OF SMARA RECEIVED A MONTONERO "WAR" REPORT. THE REPORT STATED THE MONTONEROS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK AGAINST DR. PEDRO CATALAYED (SEE SEPTEMBER 2 OF THIS REPORT).

- SEPTEMBER 13 - THE ASOCIACION MUTUAL DEL PERSONAL DE VPF RECEIVED MONTONERO PROPAGANDA CONSISTING OF A BULLETIN OF THE MONTONERO ARMY.

- ON THE SAME DATE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS IN A CREAM COLORED FORD FALCON FIRED ON THE LACARRA DETACHMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENCY OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.

- ON THE SAME DATE THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE ENCOUNTERED A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THROWING PAMPHLETS

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FROM A CAR IN THE REAR OF THE RIGOLEAU ESTABLISHMENT IN BERAZATEGUI. AFTER A SHORT CONFRONTATION, THE

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TERRORISTS THREW A GRENADE WHICH DID NOT EXPLODE AND  
ESCAPED. THERE WERE NO VICTIMS.

- SEPTEMBER 14 - AT 1730 PM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS SHOT  
LIGHT FIXTURES LOCATED AT KILOMETER 43 NEAR THE PILAR  
STATION BELONGING TO THE GENERAL SAN MARTIN RAILROAD.

- SEPTEMBER 15 - AT 1730 PM THREE MEN AND A WOMAN ARMED,  
ENTERED A BUILDING LOCATED AT 825 TUCUMAN AND FORCED THE  
JANITOR INTO AN ELEVATOR. THE SUSPECTS THEN POSITIONED  
THE ELEVATOR BETWEEN TWO FLOORS AND STARTED QUESTIONING  
THE JANITOR REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF A NON-COMMISSIONED  
OFFICER OF THE FEDERAL POLICE WHO DID NOT LIVE IN THE  
BUILDING BUT FREQUENTLY VISITED CLOSE FRIENDS RESIDING  
THERE. THE JANITOR NOT BEING ABLE TO DISCLOSE ANY INFORMA-  
TION WAS INJURED WHEN ATTACKED BY THE SUSPECTS USING  
WEAPONS. THE JANITOR WAS TAKEN TO THE ARGERICHAS HOSPITAL.  
THE CRIMINAL SUSPECTS ESCAPED IN A FORD FALCOO WITH A  
LICENSE PLATE NUMBER ENDING IN 025.

- ON THE SAME DATE IT WAS REPORTED THAT A BOMB WAS  
DEACTIVATED IN A RESTROOM OF THE ANGUS RESTAURANT LOCATED  
AT 1181 LARREA IN BUENOS AIRES.

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- ON THE SAME DATE A VEHICLE WAS LEFT ON 1545 HEREDIA  
STREET. THE VEHICLE WAS A GREEN METALIC OPEL K-180. A  
PATROLMAN OF THE AREA WHILE INSPECTING THE CAR FOUND A  
PLASTIC BAG CONTAINING CARTRIDGES AND A MEDIUM SIZE BOX.  
THE PATROLMAN REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EXPLOSIVE  
BRIGADE. PERSONNEL OF THE BRIGADE WHILE  
TRYING TO DEACTIVATE THE DEVICES CAUSED THE DEVICE TO EXPLODE  
RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF INSPECTOR ROBERTO  
BORGARELLO AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDING CORPORAL GUILLERMO  
MARTINEZ. THE ADDRESS IN WHICH THE CAR WAS PARKED IS  
THE RESIDENCE OF MR. DANTE PERIOLI, DIRECTOR OF THE FIRM  
"PRODUCTEX" AND REPRESENTATIVE OF "COLORIN SRL."

- ON THE SAME DATE AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF HIGHWAY 25  
AND THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY WHERE A TRAFFIC CONTROL  
CHECKPOINT IS LOCATED A FORD FAIRLANE WITH FOUR INDIVIDUALS

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FAILED TO OBEY THE ORDER TO STOP. SECURITY FORCES FIRED AT THE VEHICLE,

HOWEVER THE VEHICLE WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE.

- SEPTEMBER 16- AT 0010 IN THE MORNING A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE WAS FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE DOOR OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF A SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION LOCATED AT 266 EARELA. BOMB EXPLOSIVE PERSONNEL WERE ABLE TO DEACTIVATE THE BOMB.

- ON THE SAME DATE NEAR THE SAVOY HOTEL, 300 CALLAO, BUENOS AIRES, PAMPHLETS WERE FOUND ENTITLED "FOECYT-CGT" IN RESISTENCE." THE PAMPHLETS WERE PUBLISHED BY THE MONTONERO-PERONISTA MOVEMENT.

- SEPTEMBER 17 - A FIRE WAS STARTED IN THE WISKERIA "PUERTA NEGRA" IN THE CITY OF RIO TERCERO, PROVINCE OF CORDOBA. THE WISKERIA BELONGS TO VICTOR ALBERTO REWE, 27 YEARS OLD, RESIDING AT NUMBER 57 AVENIDA RAFAEL NUNEZ, BARRIO CERRO DE LAS ROSAS.

- ON THE SAME DATE A BOMB EXPLODED IN A WISKERIA  
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IN THE CITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF CORDOBA. THE EXPLOSION DESTROYED THE ENTIRE BUILDING. THERE WERE NO VICTIMS. THE WISKERIA BELONGS TO SRTA. CLAUDIA ABELLO.

- SEPTEMBER 18 - IN RAILROAD OFFICES, BULLETINS ENTITLED THE "RAILROAD MEN IN RESISTENCE" WERE DISTRIBUTED. THE BULLETINS WERE SIGNED BY AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "RAILROAD AGRUPATION OF THE MONTONERO-PERONISTA MOVEMENT".

- SEPTEMBER 19 - PAMPHLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED NEAR THE FACTORY OF JOHN DEERE. THE PAMPHLETS WERE ENTITLED "MOBILIZATION AGAINST SUSPENSIONS" AND WERE SIGNED BY "ORGANIZATION AND FIGHT." (A LABOR AGRUPATION PERTAINING TO THE WORKERS MOVEMENT, COLLATORAL OF THE PCS MARXIST-LENINIST-MAOIST.)

- ON THE SAME DATE AT 2330 PM EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE PERSONNEL WERE CALLED TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING A PEUGEOT 504 WITH ITS LIGHTS TURNED ON CONTAINING A SUSPICIOUS LOOKING PACKAGE INSIDE. THE VEHICLE WAS PARKED ON 3710 JOSE PEDRO VARAEL STREET. THE PACKAGE WAS INSPECTED AND DETONATED BY EXPLOSIVE PERSONNEL. THE BOMB CAUSED PARTIAL DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE.

- ON THE SAME DATE AT 2350 PM SECURITY FORCES PATROLLING HIGHWAY 8 (DETACHMENT 73) NEAR THE PROVINCE BORDER OF SANTA FE WERE ATTACKED WITH FIRE ARMS BY OCCUPANTS IN A WHITE FORD TORRINO. THE POLICE VEHICLE'S WINDSHIELD AND ITS SIDE WINDOW WERE BROKEN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

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- SEPTEMBER 20 - IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF BUENOS AIRES  
NUMEROUS PAMPHLETS WERE FOUND ENTITLED "NO TO THE VIDELA-  
PINOCHET AGREEMENT" RELATING TO THE PROBLEM OF THE BEAGLE  
CHANNEL. THE LABELS WERE WRITTEN BY UNIDAD POPULAR (CHILE)  
AND THE MONTONERO-PERONISTA MOVEMENTS.  
- ON THE SAME DATE IN RESTROOMS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT  
DREAM LOCATED A 4301 QUAYAQUIL, LA TABLADA, PAMPHLETS WERE  
FOUND PUBLISHED BY THE PERONIST LABOR MOVEMENT WHICH  
INCITE PERSONNEL AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.  
- ON THE SAME DATE AT 0045 SECURITY PERSONNEL OF THE  
RAILROAD FOUND IN FRONT OF THE LINERS RAILROAD WORKSHOPS  
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(SARMIENTO RAILROAD) ON RISSO PATRON STREET,  
PAMPHLETS ENTITLED "RAILROAD MEN IN RESISTENCE", PUBLISHED  
BY MONTONEROS9

- ON THE SAME DATE AT 0955 WHEN A TRAIN REACHED THE ONCE  
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RAILROAD STATION (SARMIENTO RAILROAD) FROM THE CASTELAR  
STATION. LABELS WERE FOUND IN THE TRAIN WITH THE FOLLOWING  
TEXT "THE RAILROAD UNION WILL BELONG TO THE WORKERS

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AND NOT THE USURPING MILITARY. MINIMUM SALARY 180,000;  
RETIREMENT 180,000. STOP THE DISMISSALS. LIBERATION OF  
OUR UNION COMPANIONS. FREE ELECTIONS IN THE UNION.  
WORKERS UNION IN RESISTENCE."

- ON THE SAME DATE THE RAILROAD SECURITY FORCES FOUND  
IN THE WORKSHOPS OF THE SARMIENTO RAILROAD PAMPHLETS  
PUBLISHED BY THE MONTONEROS ENTITLED "RAILROAD MEN IN  
RESISTENCE."

- ON THE SAME DATE AT 1915 PM EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE  
PERSONNEL WERE CALLED TO INSPECT A SUSPICIOUS CHEVROLET  
400 PARKED NEAR THE INTERSECTIONS OF GUEMES AND DORREGO  
STREETS. EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE PERSONNEL LOCATED AN  
INCENDIARY BOMB UNDER THE FRONT SEAT OGZEA \$THICLE AND  
DETONATED THE BOMB.

- SEPTEMBER 21 - IN THE LIBRARY OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
PAMPHLETS WERE FOUND PUBLISHED BY THE "ARGENTINE  
MARXIST-LENINIST-MAOIST PARTY." THE PAMPHLETS CRITIZED  
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ECONOMIC POLICY AND WORKERS SALARIES.

- SEPTEMBER 22 - AT 1520 PERSONNEL OF THE EXPLOSIVE  
BRIGADE WERE CALLED TO CHECK A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE  
LOCATED ON 1540 AVENIDA LA PLATA NEAR THE ENTEL BUILDING.  
EXPLOSIVE PERSONNEL DETONATED A BOMB. CAUSING DAMAGE TO  
NEIGHBORING BUILDINGS.

- SEPTEMBER 23 - AT 2130 EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE PERSONNEL  
WERE SUMMONED TO THE INTERSECTION OF ING. HUERGO AND  
INDEPENDENCIA STREETS NEAR CGT TO CHECK A SUSPICIOUSLY  
PARKED FORD TORRINO. UPON INVESTIGATING EXPLOSIVE  
BRIGADE PERSONNEL DISCOVERED TWO LARGE PLASTIC CONTAINERS  
OF INFLAMABLE MATERIAL. EXPLOSIVE PERSONNEL DETONATED  
THE FLAMABLE MATERIAL TO AVOID FUTURE DAMAGES.

## 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 1 - AT 0735 A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE WAS FOUND  
AT 1189 RODRIGUEZ PENA, BUENOS AIRES. EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE  
PERSONNEL DETERMINED THAT IT WAS AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE  
WITH ONE POUND OF TROTYL (US MADE). THE BOMB WAS NOT  
CONNECTED.

- ON THE SAME DATE AT 2215 AT 1744 CARLOS BABBO, BUENOS  
AIRES, A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE WAS FOUND ON THE STREET.  
EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE PERSONNEL DISCOVERED ONLY A BOX WRAPPED  
IN BROWN PAPER WITH THE INSCRIPTION "VERY FRAGILE -  
EXPLOSIVES."

- SEPTEMBER 4 - AT 1300 A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE WAS FOUND

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IN THE HALL OF THE COLLEGE OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES,  
UNIVERSITY OF MAR DEL PLATA, DIAGONAL 77. EXPLOSIVE  
SPECIALISTS OPENED THE PACKAGE, AND FOUND AND ONION, A  
LID OF A DISTILLED WATER CAP BOTTLE AND CLOTHES HANGERS  
WITH THE INSCRIPTION "ERP."

- SEPTEMBER :3 - A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE WAS FOUND BY THE  
EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE PERSONNEL IN THE CENTER HALL OF A  
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BUILDING LOCATED AT 2873 MARSICAL RAMON CASTILLA, BUENOS  
AIRES. INSPECTION OF THE PACKAGE PROVIDED NEGATIVE  
RESULTS.

- SEPTEMBER 14 - THE RADIO ELECTRIC COMMAND OF THE  
FEDERAL POLICE RECIEVED AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL AT  
0030 HOURS STATING THAT AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE HAD BEEN  
PLACED IN THE APARTMENT BUILDING WHERE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE  
ARMY LT. GENERAL ROBERTO VIOLA RESIDES. EXPLOSIVE  
PERSONNEL CHECKED THE ENTIRE BUILDING WITH NEGATIVE  
RESULTS.

- SEPTEMBER 15 - AT 0800 AT KILOMETER 37 ON HIGHWAY 9,  
ON THE BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS BEFORE ARRIVING  
AT THE FORD PLANT, A PLASTIC SIGN MEASURING 6.20 METERS  
X 2.20 METERS WAS FOUND STATING " WE WANT M. MAGNARELLI TO  
REAPPEAR ALIVE. HE WAS KIDNAPPED BY VIDELA AND BY FORD."  
IT IS IMPORTANT TO MENTION THAT A US DELEGATION WAS  
SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE FORD PLANT THAT DAY. ALONG WITH  
THE SIGN WAS A PACKAGE THAT LOOKED AS IF IT CONTAINED  
EXPLOSIVES.

- SEPTEMBER 16 - MRS. SALVADORA GAITAN DE CENTENO  
(WIDOW) 47 YEARS OF AGE AND A NICARAGUAN DIPLOMAT  
RESIDING IN ARGENTINA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, NOTIFIED  
POLICE PRECINCT 15 SHE WAS RECEIVING PHONE CALLS  
THREATENING HER LIFE AND THOSE OF HER FAMILY.  
MRS. CENTENO STATED THE CALLER SAID THE FOLLOWING " YOU  
KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING WITH OUR BROTHERS THE SANDINISTS.  
WE WILL DO THE SAME TO YOU." MRS. CENTENO IS A MEMBER  
OF THE NICARAGUAN EMBASSY IN ARGENTINA. SHE STATED  
THAT HER FATHER IS A MILITARY OFFICER WHO HAS FOUGHT  
AGAINST THE SANDINISTS IN HER COUNTRY.  
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